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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING AN OPTICAL
FIBRE CABLE AND CABLE SO MANUFACTURED being a **Continuation of**
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT/EP99/09647, filed on December 6, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98124775.2, filed on December 29, 1998 and the benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/116,229, filed on January 15, 1999.

1. Application - 29 pages, including 3 independent claims and 15 claims total (as amended).

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2. Drawings - 9 sheets of drawings containing 17 figures
3. Preliminary Amendment.
4. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 98124775.2, filed on December 29, 1998.
5. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
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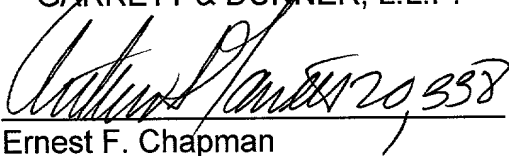
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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